accorded environmental clearance for the Stage-I of the project in January, 1992 subject to certain conditions. One of the major conditions stipulated by MOEF is that the alanct for ash disposal be acquired by NTPC in an undisputed area which should not be good agricultural land and that the area at Yelluru, identified by NTPC should not be used for this purpose.

NTPC has clarified to MOEF that the Yelluru area cannot be considered as disputed as per out verdict and has requested MOEF to consider disposal of ash in Yelluru area as it is the optimal choice for disposal of ash both from environmental and techno-economic considerations. Further, no other undisputed area in the vicinity of the project for a technically feasible system can be located.

(c) The work on the project can start only after investment approval by Government and tying up for all the inputs.

[*Translation*]

Public telephone Connections In Gujarat

7217. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a the number of persons register for public telephone connections in Gujarat distant-wise;

(b) the measures proposed to taken to meet their demand expeditiously;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide telephone facility in border and advasi ares; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI *P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.*

Inclusion of various Hil Stations of Maharashtra on Tourist map of India

7218. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATILJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for Including Matheran Panchgani, Panhala, Chikhalar, Lonawala, Khandala and Mahabaleshwar hill stations of Maharashtra in the tourist map of India have been received by the Union government; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The tourist map produced by the Central Department of Toriusm include these places.

T.V. Relay Centres In Gujarat

7219. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements were made to set up T.V. relay centres at Bharuch, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Surat, Mandvi, Songarh, Dang and Balasar districts and Choota Udalpur, Naswandi and Nadod tirbal areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the names of the other areas In the addition to the above, where the caicility of T.V. relay centre was made available;

(c) whether T.V. really centres are functioing properly at these places; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure their proper functioning?